

LONG RANGE PLANNING

TO: Plan Review Steering Committee
FROM: Long Range Planning Staff
DATE: June 5, 2000
SUBJECT: Summary Notes from the GMA Steering Committee meeting of
May 17, 2000

Attendance:

Steering Committee Members:

Jack Burkman	City of Vancouver Council Member (P)
Jay Cervený	City of La Center Council Member (P)
Dean Dossett	City of Camas Mayor (P)
Jeanne Harris	City of Vancouver Council Member (A)
John Idsinga	City of Battle Ground Council Member (P)
Mary Kufeldt-Antle	City of Camas Council Member (A)
Betty Sue Morris	Clark County Board of Commissioners
Jim Robertson	Town of Yacolt Mayor (P)
Debbie Smith	Town of Yacolt Council Member (A)
Judie Stanton	Clark County Board of Commissioners (P) Primary (A) Alternate

Public:

Marnie Allen	Consortium of Clark County Schools
Lynn Carman	CCIA, CCN, Three Creeks Library
Foster Church	The Oregonian
Kathy Folkers	Howsley Law Office
Jessica Hoffman	Clark County Home Builders
Patrick Holmes	Howsley Law Office
James Howsley	Howsley Law Office
Debbie Larner	Self
Jeanne Lawson	Self
Dean Lookingbill	RTC
Jim Malinowski	CCCU
Alison Mielke	Friends of Clark County

Staff:

Monty Anderson	City of Washougal Planning Director
Alan Boguslawski	Clark County Community Development
Rich Carson	Clark County Community Development Director
Mike Conway	City of Washougal Public Works Director
Evan Dust	Clark County Long Range Planning
Eric Eisemann	Cities of La Center & Ridgefield
Lianne Forney	Clark County Public Outreach & Information Director
Bob Higbie	Clark County Asst. Long Range Planning Manager
Eric Holmes	City of Battle Ground Planning Director
Patrick Lee	Clark County Long Range Planning Manager
Rich Lowry	Clark County Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Dale Miller	Clark County Long Range Planning
Oliver Orjiako	Clark County Long Range Planning
Matt Ransom	City of Vancouver Transportation
Marty Snell	City of Camas Planner
Brian Snodgrass	City of Vancouver Planner

Introductions / Roll Call

Called to order 4:07 PM by Commissioner Judie Stanton . Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations.

April 19 Steering Committee Notes

Notes accepted as published.

Steering Committee members discussed the problem with getting multiple versions of informational handouts. It was agreed that the 1st draft of a document should be issued initially, then one revision sent out 2 or 3 days before the next meeting.

Future Agendas

Patrick Lee described purpose of draft future agendas. The Committee agreed to Draft 2.

Committee Members discussed meeting locations. Jack Burkman suggested there be two alternating locations. It was agreed that future Steering Committee monthly meetings would alternate between Camas (at the new police station, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue) and Dollars Corner (Fire District 11 Station House).

Capital Facilities Report

Dale Miller introduced TAC staff members then led the Committee through Draft 3 of the Capital Facilities Review.

The Review is based on current jurisdictional capital facilities plans, and is an overview, not a detailed analysis. This overview is structured by infrastructure type and by jurisdiction and it provides definitions of the graph items.

Transportation

Mr. Miller stated that Transportation is the most pressing of the infrastructure categories, with a significant deficit projected. He noted also, that the projections do not address maintenance. The bottom line is that, based on current provisions, jurisdictions cannot stay the course. There may be some flexibility in LOS standards, but that is unlikely to be the solution.

Commissioner Morris suggested it would be helpful to break out projections for state facilities separately.

The Committee discussed proportions of projected deficit by jurisdictions. The City of Vancouver is undertaking a comprehensive transportation study. The County will be responding to the Hearings Board.

The Committee needs to identify the appropriate tools to address the transportation funding deficit issue, which may include Concurrency, LOS, and zoning.

Stormwater

TAC member Marty Snell summarized the stormwater section of the review.

Eric Holmes described for the Committee Battle Ground's stormwater utility plan, which is based on System Development Charges and monthly rates.

Dale Miller pointed out there are limitations to the available data.

Stormwater issues will be most influenced by the Clean Water Act and the ESA "4(d) rule".

Water & Others

Mike Conway, TAC member, summarized other sections of the Review. He pointed out that water rights are a potential problem, but funding water systems is not.

Parks

The chart does not include Vancouver/Clark parks CFP. It also does not reflect the fact that development of new parks results in increased maintenance expenditures.

Impact Fees

Commissioner Morris expressed disillusionment with impact fees. She pointed out that School Impact Fees (SIF) fund such a small portion of the total cost of providing schools. Mike Conway stated that SIF is a difficult one to justify to the citizen.

Commissioner Stanton emphasized that impact fees involve a fairness issue, but questioned what replacement is available.

The consensus of the Committee is dissatisfaction with impact fees. Different methods of funding, probably legislative-based, should be explored, and the Committee needs to look at other revenue streams.

Level of Service/Concurrency

The question was discussed, "Do all jurisdictions have to have the same LOS? " The consensus was, "No".

It was suggested that jurisdictions can provide a certain LOS at a certain cost. The question is, "What are citizens willing to pay for?"

The first Comprehensive Plan, it was pointed out, had a transit overlay.

It is the policy of the Comprehensive Plan to encourage density. Lowering LOS could discourage density.

Other

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be June 14th at the new Camas Police Station.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

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